

Minutes of the Southeast PTO
May 4, 2009

CALL TO ORDER: 7:10PM

IN ATTENDANCE: Monique Brown, Kim O'Keefe, Andrea Lennon, Julie Brown, Patty Braithwaite, Norma Fisher-Doiron, Tia Willour, Ruth Washington

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

Parent's Hour: Joanne Freiberg: Acts of Meanness – from state department
Very few attended. A suggestion was given to have her present to the kids and parents some night. Norma will look into this.

The town asked the Board of Education to cut more from our budget but the cuts shouldn't adversely affect our programs.

Class enrollment:

K- 28 (2 teachers)	3 -52 (3 teachers)
1- 43 (2-3 teachers)	4 -52 (3 teachers)
2 -43 (2 teachers)	

Laura Stewart, Resource Teacher for K,1, & 2 has officially resigned. We will be interviewing for her replacement.

Calendar of Events (on web site)

Highlights:

This week is Special Person's Week: Linda Sydie setting up for this. Help is welcome.

TEACHER'S REPORT: Monique Brown

Mileage for Moms and Distance for Dads dates were reviewed. Monique Brown is organizing these events. It was confirmed that there are 3 cases of water bottles that can be used for this event.

Andrea asked for feedback from the teacher's on the assembly. Norma found it was good for older kids. Monique will ask the teachers for feedback.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Monique Brown

April's minutes were reviewed.

Edits: Under "Ideas to attract new parents". She = Kim O'Keefe. Reword to state that the International Potluck was a wonderful event. Thank you to Nancy Armstrong for organizing this. A suggestion was offered to move the event to the beginning of the year to attract more parents and get them socializing early in the year. Another suggestion was to offer some craft stations for the kids (like origami).

Motion for acceptance with edits by: Julie Brown

2nd by : Patty Braithwaite

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TREASURER'S REPORT:

Lesley Sweeney not present – Kim O'Keefe on her behalf

Highlights:

\$17,000 raised so far this year – Balance in checking account is \$18, 175.79

Income from Summer Bulbs \$455 , Munson's \$565, Cookie Dough \$612

\$100 donation from the Molloy Family – Thank you!

Andrea questioned the amount listed for the school dance (\$290). She will confirm this.

Type I speakers – Norma questioned the left over amount. (\$4,705) Some of this will go to the visiting author in June.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's report (as stated): Patty Braithwaite

Seconded by: Julie Brown

OTHER:

SCHOOL DANCE: It was fun and well attended

USED CLOTHING FUND DRIVE:

Andrea Lennon stated that \$122 has been collected so far from the clothing drive.

They are continuing to collect clothes through 5/5 with proceeds being given to a needy family.

TAG SALE: Friday, May 16. They need help at 2PM for clean up. Leftovers will be taken to the Salvation Army in Danielson. Donations are low this year. Monique will send out an email to solicit more donations. Andrea clarified that there was a \$2 fee for advertising in the Broadcaster & a \$12 fee for advertising in the Chronicle.

FUNDRAISING: No report

TEACHER APRECIATION LUNCHEON: Wednesday, May 6th, 11:30 – 1
VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED

OFFICER POSITIONS: Brought to a vote

President: Julie Brown

Vice President: Andrea Lennon

Treasurer: Kimberly Clark

Secretary: Jenny Novick

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Scholastic Book Fair same week as Ice Cream Social. Ruth Washington is organizing this and needs volunteers.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL Friday, June 5. People are needed to scoop.

Alumni Day at EOSmith – A EOS representative asked Kim if our PTO would loan our Fun Fair games for this. It's the 29th of May. Kim did not want to approve this without talking with the group.

BIG Y POINTS: The points will be collecting through the summer. Patty Braithwaite is taking this program over.

MOVING ON CEREMONY: Parent Award discussed. OK on volunteers.

Andrea Lennon read the following nomination:

KIM O'KEEFE
MOVING ON PARENT NOMINEE

After speaking with past & present PTO members and the Southeast Staff, I would like to nominate Kim O'Keefe as a recipient for the Moving On Parent Award.

Kim has served numerous years on the PTO Board, most recently as President for the past 2 years at SE School and prior to that was the Co-President during the 2004/2005 school year.

During her time as President, she has chaired event committees and has been the key speaker on behalf of SE School at the BOE meetings. Regardless of how long of a day she has worked or how long the BOE meetings run.

This past year she has been the SE Parent Rep for the 4 Town Building Review Committee and has volunteered her time to go on tours of other schools.

Kim has also initiated a number of fundraisers. Mainly, the Ice Cream Social and the Tag Sale, which combined have brought in thousands of PTO dollars over the last few years.

Her biggest accomplishment has been to chair the Playscape Project Committee and to organize the fundraisers to raise enough money to complete the project. SE students have and will continue to enjoy the playscape for years to come.

If all this wasn't enough, she has continued to volunteer her time at the Fall Carnival, School Dances, Special Persons Week, Thanksgiving Dinners, School Pictures and even does a dental hygiene presentation for SE Students.

Finally, it can't hurt to mention that it was Kim herself who instituted this award as a way to recognize parents who have given so much of themselves during their children's elementary school years. Having had 2 children herself run through SE hallways, Kim has by all means proven herself to being one of the best volunteers SE has ever seen! She is quite deserving of the award.

(Read quote from Miss Parker)

Kim is so deserving of this award!

I think Kim's willingness to speak up on difficult issues and to do what is best for the kids sets her apart.

She also listens VERY well. Kim has always been willing to do the hardest job and make it look easy.

Kim stated that, although she was flattered, she would be uncomfortable accepting this award because she was the one that started it.

Town Budget:

Parish Hill students will NOT be coming to MMS. There is still a possibility of regionalizing our 3 elementary schools. VOTE at Town Meeting, Tuesday May 12.

FALL CARNIVAL: It will be on the last Saturday in September. Norma suggested confirming this with Karen Mitlitsky. They are still looking for someone to organize volunteers for silent auction. Kimberly Clark will still help. Patti Braithwaite is considering this role. Kimberly Clark will talk with.

Motion to adjourn: Kim O'Keefe

Motion seconded by:

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:00 PM
RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY: MONIQUE M. BROWN
NEXT MEETING: Monday, June 1, 2009